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SUBJ: CSCE POLICY: HUMAN CONTACTS-RELIGIOUS TRAVEL

REF: A) GENEVA 3570; B) GENEVA 3994

1. SENTENCE ON TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN FIFTH PARA OF TRAVEL TEXT (SUBPARA (33), REFTEL A) FELL WHEN WHOLE PARA WAS DELETED AS SOVIET CONCESSION (REFTEL B). VATICAN DELEGATION IS NOW ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON APPROPRIATE TEXT TO REPLACE THIS SENTENCE.

2. DRAFTING IS FAIRLY WELL ADVANCE, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE FINAL TEXT WILL BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN TEXT:
THEY CONFORM THAT CHURCHES AND FAITHS, PRACTISING OR BEING PRACTISED WITHIN THE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTICIPATING STATES, AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, CAN HAVE CONTACTS AND MEETINGS AMONG THEMSELVES WITHIN THEIR FIELD OF ACTIVITY. END TEXT

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3. SOVIETS ARE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO MENTION OF

"MEMBERS" OR OF "TRAVEL" IN THE TEXT. HOWEVER, THEY ARE PREPARED TO ADMIT THE IMPLICATION THAT THE TEXT APPLIES TO TRAVEL BY PLACING IT AS THE FINAL PARAGRAPH IN THE SECTION ENTITLED "TRAVEL FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL REASONS" (SUBPARA (28), REFTEL A). ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR INCLUDING LANGUAGE REFERRING TO "LEGITIMATELY EXISTING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES", THEY ARE APPARENTLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT INSTEAD THE REFERENCE TO A "CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK".

4. WE EXPECT A TEXT SIMILAR TO THAT SETFORTH ABOVE TO BE AGREED AD REFERENDUM AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE, SET FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9. IF THE DEPT. HAS OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A TEXT ON LEGAL OR OTHER GROUNDS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THEM ASAP. DALE

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